

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 and the drawings are objected to for informalities. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16, 17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,201,690 to Moore et al. (hereinafter "Moore"). Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore in view of United States Patent Number 5,655,823 to Schairbaum (hereinafter "Schairbaum"). Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore in view of United States Patent Number 5,388,032 to Gill et al. (hereinafter "Gill").

For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicants' remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action. Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references.

Claims 1, 8, 14, and 22 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the claimed invention. The amendments are fully supported by the specification. Claims 2-5, 9-13, 15-21, 23, and 24 are canceled.

Response to objections to drawings.

The drawings are objected to for not showing every feature of the invention, specifically the "means for holding a keyboard and a ... display..." of claims 11 and 17. Claims 11 and 17 are canceled. Applicants submit that canceling claims 11 and 17 cures the informalities and that replacement sheets are not required.

Response to objections to claims for informalities.

Claims 1 and 14 are objected to for informalities. Claim 1 is amended to read "said keyboard holder" while claim 14 is amended to read "'horizontally." Applicants submit that the amendments cure the informalities.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 16, 17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, and 14 to address the indefinite language and submit that the claims as amended particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have also canceled claims 2, 4, 5, 9-12, 16, 17, and 20. Applicants submit that claims 1, 8, and 14 as amended and claims 6 and 7 as depending from claim 1 are therefore allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moore.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Independent claims 1 and 14 are amended with the limitations of claims 2-5. As amended, the claims include the limitations of "...a second frame pivotally mounted by first friction hinges..." and "...the first friction hinges configured for the second frame to rotate about the distal edge of the first frame and comprising first friction brakes that restrain rotation at a desired angle..." Claim 1 as amended. The claims also include the limitations "a keyboard holder pivotally mounted to the second frame by second friction hinges at a distal edge..." and "...the second friction hinges configured for the keyboard holder to rotate about the distal edge of the second frame and comprising second friction brakes that restrain rotation at a desired angle..." Claim 1 as amended. See also claims 8 and 14. The amendment is fully supported by the specification, which discloses pivot points providing flexibility for rotation with rigidity provided by friction brakes. Figs. 1-5D, Refs. 38, 39, Page 8, Lines 5-9. Original claims 13 and 19 also teach that the pivot points may be friction hinges. Claims 13 and 19. The specification further discloses the pivot points including friction brakes. Page 8, Lines 5-9.

Thus the embodiment of the present invention claims the second frame and the keyboard holder pivoting with friction hinges about the distal edge of the first frame and the distal edge of the second frame respectively. In contrast, Moore teaches spring-biased pivot arms that allow the extension block to positioned vertically. Moore, Col. 4, Line 42-59. Fig. 9, 41, 43. In addition, neither Schairbaum nor Gill disclose a second frame and keyboard holder pivoting with friction

hinges. Therefore, Applicants assert that claims 1, 8, and 14 as amended are allowable.

In addition, claims 1, 8, and 14 are amended with the limitation of "a first frame movable with respect to the computer cabinet by wheels over rails, the rails fabricated of a lubricious material with a coefficient of sliding friction of less than 0.11..." Claim 1 as amended. See also claims 8 and 14. The amendment is well supported by the specification, which discloses the first frame movable by wheels with enhanced stability with rails. Page 7, Lines 14-16. The specification further discloses that the rails are fabricated of a lubricious material with a coefficient of sliding friction of less than 0.11. Page 7, Lines 16-20.

Moore does not disclose a rail fabricated of a lubricious material with a coefficient of sliding friction of less than 0.11. Schairbaum and Gill also do not teach a rail fabricated of a lubricious material with a coefficient of sliding friction over steel of less than 0.11. Applicants therefore assert that claims 1, 8, and 14 are allowable.

With regards to claim 6, the claim includes the further limitation "...the keyboard holder and display holder comprise a single terminal unit pivotable about the distal edge of the second frame..." Claim 6. In contrast, Moore teaches a display holder that is separately pivotable from the keyboard. Moore, Fig. 9, Refs. 65 and 41. Figs. 11, 12. Col. 5, Lines 27-34. Schairbaum and Gill also do not disclose the keyboard holder and display holder comprising a single terminal unit pivotable about the distal edge of the second frame. Therefore, Applicants assert that claim 6 is allowable.

Claim 8 is further amended with the limitation of a single terminal unit with the keyboard and display coupled to the single terminal unit of claim 6, as well as the amendments relating to

the first and second frames and first and second friction hinges as described above for claim 1.

Claim 8 as amended. Applicants assert that because Moore, Schairbaum, and Gill do not disclose the single terminal unit pivotable about the second frame, claim 8 as amended is allowable.

Claims 2-5, 9-13, and 15-20 are canceled. Applicants have not specifically traversed the rejection of dependent claim 7, but submit that claim 7 is allowable as depending from an allowable claim.

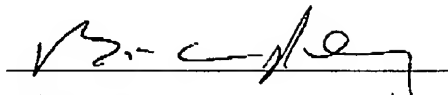
Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore in view of Schairbaum. Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore in view of Gill. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Claims 21, 23, and 24 are canceled. Claim 22 is amended to depend from claim 14 and to reference the lubricious material of claim 14. Applicants submit that claim 14 is allowable as depending from an allowable claim.

As a result of the presented remarks, Applicants assert that claims 1, 6-8, 14, and 22 are in condition for prompt allowance. Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the dependent claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

contact the undersigned.

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